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Rev. J. W. Shackford, father of Mrs. J. E. Johnston, dropped in church near Lynchburg.

Rev. W. E. Hill, pastor-elect, preached for his new congregation, Presbyterian. Prof. Walter Blair, formerly of Hampden-Sidney, died at Atlantic City.

Mrs. M. C. Harvey, an aged widow of Farmville, died, aged 81.

Miss Mary Lee Badgett was down from head in the piano for the first and only time. She was called a number of cash drawers during the early morning.

Clellie Patrick Henry Jefferson, daughter of Mr. Elliott died in the county, aged 75 years.

Dr. and Mrs. Jarman gave a beautiful reception at their home.

Solo-Floto Circus charmed and delighted hundreds in Farmville.

Taylor Thompson was called to his old home on account of the death of a brother.

During the night burglars broke into several stores of Farmville, carrying off considerable money.

A number of portraits were unveiled in Cumberland Courthouse.

October.

The Senatorial Convention nominated J. L. Owen at Burkeville.

John G. Brightwell died at the home of S. H. Davis.

A man walked about the streets of Farmville with a broom.

The Methodist Church used for the first time a beautiful individual communion service, the gift of Mr. T. Kerley.

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## CHRISTMAS AFTERMATH.

QUIET BUT HAPPY CHRISTMAS IN FARMVILLE.

No Death Shadow Fell Upon Our Homes And No Drunkenness Seen on Our Streets.

Christmas day came to us clad in snow whiteness, fitting costume for the bride of the season. Old fashion garments, but ever new, and as fair as when its first crystals formed in mid-air, and then dressed the earth in beauty. And with the snow came the sunshine, making the unsullied whiteness to glitter with new whiteness and all nature to rejoice in the first full dress of winter.

"The poor always with us" and yet we are justified in saying that Farmville had as many turkeys for Christmas day, and as many warm hearthstones, and as much of good cheer as were enjoyed in any other place of like size the country over. The night before the small boy had about exhausted himself and his supply of fire works so that the day was unusually quiet, though now and then the baby waker did shake up things. A large majority of the Normalites had gone to their respective homes, but some two dozen remained under the educational roof tree, and we are advised that merry rang out clear and strong, and held unrestrained sway from floor to floor. And don't you imagine that their dinner wasn't Christmas in its every feature and detail. We would be glad just here to give the menu, but "Ben" Cox forgot to furnish it, and we were too busy with our own Christmas to hunt it up.

As is their good custom, the Episcopalians assembled in their accustomed place of worship, and did honor to the Christ without whose coming to earth there would have never been known one glad Christmas day. And then the children of that Sunday School had their tree on Monday afternoon, and again young hearts were made happy and glad.

The Sunday sermons all had reference to the season, and were enjoyed by those who are not afraid of a little ice on the side walks on Sunday, when on other days they skip over them rough shod and ready and eager for work again. Our boys and girls had come back to the old home from diverse and distant work fields, and were happy as are children just let loose from school.

Many of the toys have already been broken, much of the cake has been eaten, the flowers have withered, the "Christmas gift" has died out on the air, but one gift will repeat itself fifty-two times during the coming year, and each time bring the giver and the receiver in close and pleasant touch the one with the other. We need not add that we refer to the Herald, which was sent to absent friends as Christmas token. The giver will continue to go with the gift, and the brightness and good cheer of the Christmas time will spread from Christmas to Christmas. Help us to add to its cheer and gladness.

So far as we are advised, there was only one "nog" in town on Christmas morning, and we have no idea of naming the mixer, not that he is afraid of publicity, but his name being known he will have to spend a year in explaining to his host of friends why they were not "expected." There must have been a fox hunt, but the details have not been sent in. And an old-time country dance, but for particulars we refer to our correspondents who write from the country places.

The stores were generally closed on the day, and many a tired merchant rested at home and thanked God for the privilege of unloading the business burden just for a day. The tobacco season did not come, and this made money scarce, and yet our business circles were busy, and our hope is that satisfactory trade was had. Though we had the snow, there was no sleighing, and all of the spirited steppers spent the days in their stalls, making ready for the campaign of the Spring. No wedding bell gave out its music, and no funeral dirge saddened us.

The curtain has fallen on the bright scenes of another Christmas time, the good byes have been spoken, and here we are in the midst of the busy scenes of another work day. But Christmas will come again, and while it may appear a long way off to the young, to those of us who are growing old, they almost touch each other as they come and go. And then we couldn't afford to eat plum pudding every day. Hog and hominy are best for hard work, and hard work only accomplishes best results in this life. We will bend to the tasks with renewed energy, with the hope that when the giving season comes again we will have the more to give, and so make others the happier.

GLASS Plain Window, Ground, Chipped, Plate, Cathedral, Colonial.

FARMVILLE MFG CO., Farmville, Va.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF D. O. MILLS

Banker Dies at His Winter Home in California.

HE WAS 84 YEARS OLD

Founder of Famous "Mills Hotels" in Large Cities Made Fortune Estimated at \$25,000,000—Father of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Wife of Ambassador.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 5.—Darius Ogden Mills, the New York banker, who was also a California pioneer and noted as a philanthropist, died of heart disease at his winter home at Millbrae, about twenty-five miles from here. He was eighty-four years old.

Mr. Mills is survived by a son and a daughter. Ogden Mills and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the American ambassador to Great Britain. Ogden Mills had two daughters, both of whom are married. One is Countess of Granard and the other is the wife of Henry Carnegie Phipps, of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Reid's daughter, who was Miss Jean Reid, is the wife of Hon. John Hubert Ward, a brother of the Earl of Dudley.

Mr. Mills' fortune is estimated at from \$25,000,000 up. He made it entirely himself, having begun life as a poor boy.

Death came almost without warning, after a period of better health than Mr. Mills had enjoyed in several years. Mrs. Reid was the only child at his bedside when the end came, his son, Ogden Mills, and his wife having started for New York, believing the need financier to be in excellent condition.

Mr. Mills was born in West Salem, Westchester county, N. Y., in 1825. He was educated at North Salem and at Mount Pleasant academy, Sing Sing, N. Y. Starting his business career as a clerk in New York city, he became cashier of the Merchants' bank, of Erie county, at Buffalo, in 1847. When the gold excitement arose Mr. Mills went to California, arriving in 1849, to take from the start a large part in the development of the Golden State.

He first founded the D. O. Mills bank in Sacramento, and in 1864 became president of the Bank of California, which post he held till 1867. When this institution became insolvent in 1878, Mr. Mills again took the reins and placed it once more on a sound basis.

One of Mr. Mills' notable philanthropic enterprises was the establishment of the chain of hotels, the name of which is familiar the country over as the "Mills hotels." These hotels, of which there are three in this city, were intended as places, equipped and maintained in efficient modern fashion, where meals and lodgings could be furnished respectable men at nominal prices.

Mr. Mills always declared that he did not class this enterprise as "philanthropic," maintaining that it was a sagacious public spirit that prompted him in establishing them.

The hotels have proved self-supporting. Not long ago Mr. Mills deeded them and the adjacent Mills dwellings to three trustees—himself, his son, Ogden Mills, and his daughter, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid—making stipulations as to succession in membership in the board which will carry on the work indefinitely.

He was president of the Bank of New York, the Morton Trust company and of the United States Trust company. He was a trustee of the Atlantic Steamship company, chairman of the Fordham Home for Incubables, a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Carnegie Institute of Washington, the Lick Observatory and the American Geology society, besides helping to organize and guide many other philanthropic organizations.

## FAIRBANKS FAMILY SUED

Relatives of Former Vice President

Accused of Misappropriating \$130,000.

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 5.—Frederick C. Fairbanks, of Pasadena, Cal., a son of former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks; Luther Fairbanks, brother of Charles, and Loriston Fairbanks, a nephew, are defendants in a suit filed in the Platt county court alleging misappropriation of \$130,000 in funds of the Old Mexican Land and Industrial company. The complainant stockholders allege unlawful investments of the moneys of the company and fraudulent misappropriation.

Monsignor Joseph Flynn Stricken.

Morristown, N. J., Jan. 5.—Monsignor Joseph M. Flynn, of the Church of the Assumption, was stricken with paralysis at the parish house. Father Flynn had just finished a talk to the students in the Bayley grammar school, and on returning to the house sank into a chair. Dr. Clifford Mills was called and at first feared the monsignor was dying. The patient rallied, however, and is said to be resting comfortably.

Dies of Football Injuries.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 5.—Floyd E. Huff, sixteen years old, died at his home of injuries suffered in a football game last October. A signal was given to punt, and after Huff had passed the ball to the fullback he slipped, and the latter kicked him in the spine.

## EXPERIMENTAL ROAD.

Details of One That Has Given the Best of Satisfaction.

Samuel S. Jones of Clinton, Wis., furnished the following details of construction of an experimental road built for educational purposes under the direction of the office of public roads, with George L. Cooley in charge:

"This road was constructed in the town of Clinton, Rock county, Wis., one mile east of the village of Clinton. In the construction of this road all the machinery was furnished by the government at no expense to the town. The town, on its part, furnished all the labor and material.

"This road commenced at the top of a clay hill and extended down the slope to and across a black muck slough. Thus we had the advantage of observing the construction of and finishing under the different soil conditions. The road was first graded to a width of thirty-six feet from gutter to gutter. The trench for receiving the crushed rock of which the road was constructed was twelve feet wide. This trench was shouldered evenly at the edges. The bed of the trench or roadbed was brought to a perfect grade, having a crown of three-fourths inch to the foot from the center of crown to the side shoulders.

"When the roadbed was in proper shape for the superstructure cross drains were put in at intervals of 100 feet. These drains, which were from eight to ten inches deep and one foot wide, were filled with coarse crushed stone and extended to the outside gutter, thereby insuring perfect drainage for the road when finished.

"The superstructure was built of limestone, the first layer being crushed to a size which would pass through a three inch ring. This layer was then rolled thoroughly and covered with a finer grade of stone and again rolled. This method of placing on layers and rolling was continued until fourteen



EXPERIMENTAL ROAD AT CLINTON, WIS., LAYING TOP COURSE.

inches of the loose material had been rolled to a solid bed eight inches thick. During the rolling process water was sprinkled on the different layers of stone to help cement the stone together and thereby make a perfect surface for traffic. When the road was completed as far as the coarser stone and rolling were concerned a layer of siftings from the crusher was spread evenly over the surface of the road and alternately rolled and sprinkled until no more could be worked into the roadbed either by sprinkling or rolling. The surface of the road reached that point of perfection in building where neither siftings nor water could be forced into it. The finishing of the earth shoulders, which are six feet wide on each side of the stone, driveway, with just enough slant to carry off all surface water and leave a good earth road on either side made the road complete and gives us a twenty-four foot road of earth and stone.

"It was built under very expensive conditions, our shortest haul for stone being four miles. Labor cost from \$3 to \$4 per day, team and man from \$5 to \$7 per day, and even at these prices we could procure but half enough teams to keep the machinery running, thereby increasing greatly the expense. This road is giving the best of satisfaction and is fast gaining popularity."

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ELLIOTT R. BOOKER

District Agent

Phone 147, Farmville, Virginia

## MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS.

Features of the Patrol System to Keep Roads in Good Condition.

The new state highway commission has announced that it expects to adopt the patrol system for the maintenance of the state and county highways heretofore improved by state aid. This will involve the maintenance of a force of some 180 patrolmen, each with a horse and cart and each assigned to look after the repair of ten miles of road. This system involves an expense of \$60 a year per mile of road to be repaired. It has been successfully followed out in keeping in condition improved highways in Massachusetts and in certain foreign countries, and under the system the roads are kept in such a state of efficiency that much in the way of expensive repair work is avoided.

The commission has also voted to establish immediately a bureau of research for the purpose of investigating the various methods of construction in vogue in neighboring states and for conducting experiments with a view to ascertaining the best form of construction which will be adapted to the present conditions, having in mind especially the great damage caused by automobile traffic.

## SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE S. S. LESSONS

What the Great Men of the Nations Are Saying of Them.

Hundreds of letters are being received by the Editor of the S. S. Questions which are running weekly in this paper. The following are samples of the rest. They are worth reading, and incidentally will show you what you are missing if you do not study these suggestive questions.

YALE UNIVERSITY, President's Office.

New Haven, Conn.

My Dear Sir—I have read your questions with interest.

They certainly are calculated to stimulate thought on the practical bearing of Bible history upon the moral questions of to-day.

Faithfully yours,

ARTHUR T. HADLEY, President.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY.

Rev. Wayland Hoyt, Professor of Religion and Science.

Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Brother—I think your questions suggestive and valuable.

Yours very truly,

WAYLAND HOYT.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Office of the President.

Berkeley, Cal.

My Dear Sir—I should think your questions might well serve to stimulate profitable discussion in a Bible class.

Very sincerely yours,

BENJ. I. WHEELER.

Rev. Dr. T. S. Linscott.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Dubuque, Ia.

Rev. Dr. Linscott, Dear Sir—I have carefully examined a number of sets of questions on the Sunday School Lessons for the International Press Bible Question Club, and believe they are certainly natural questions arising in the study of the lesson, legitimate and suggestive, questions which very often arise in the mind of the thoughtful individual and too frequently put aside for lack of solution. But presented in this general way, they would occasion greater study and research by the many and promote study by groups. It would seem to me the course would be beneficial in a degree no one could guess or estimate.

Yours very truly,

HARVEY M. LEECH, Secretary.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

Rev. N. Burwash, S. T. D., LL. D., President and Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology.

Toronto, Canada.

My Dear Dr. Linscott—I have read with great interest your questions on the Sunday School Lessons. Your method of dealing with the subject strikes me as most excellent. Without entering into disputed critical questions, you seize at once the practical moral and religious principles involved and proceed to apply them to great living issues of to-day. Your experience as a man of business enables you to do this with sympathy and insight.

Your temperance lesson is excellent and could not be better. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. BURWASH, President.

Monday, January 3.

Hundreds of thousands of operatives in mills in Massachusetts and Rhode Island had their working hours shortened to fifty-six per week, new labor laws becoming effective.

Fearing both mob violence and attempts at rescues, officials at Gretna, Ky., removed to Catlettsburg Mrs. Sarah R. Higgins, charged with the murder of William...

Drinking a toast to "New Year" in his saloon, at Chicago, Jacob Minsberg put down his glass to find a robber opening fire on him. He refused to open the cash drawer and was finally shot.

## HIGH FOOD PRICES STIRS CONGRESS

Representative Moore Wants to Know the Cause.

MAY PROBE CCLD STORAGE

Has Bill to Destroy Anything Spoiled or That Has Been Kept Six Months and Is Unhealthful.

Washington, Jan. 5. — Representative Moore, of Philadelphia, wants to know the cause for the high prices and the increased cost of living. He has prepared a resolution which he will offer in the house, calling upon Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department, for information, which, it is expected, will be of service in determining the answer to the question, "Why are prices of food products so high?"

One of the things Mr. Moore desires to know is whether the agricultural department has any information which will show that warehouses where food products are stored are at all responsible for the advance in the prices. Many of these warehouses are in Mr. Moore's district, and he declares that they aver to him that the responsibility is not upon them. Another part of the inquiry will be directed toward ascertaining whether the cold storage houses, where poultry, eggs, vegetables and meats are kept, retain these products until they are so far spoiled as to be injurious to health.

Should it be ascertained that such is the case, Mr. Moore intends to introduce a bill to give the department's agents authority to enter such warehouses and destroy such produce as is spoiled, and also to destroy anything which has been kept for six months or more. The object of this is to force the warehouse men to place upon the market goods which they know they will lose if they are retained for a period longer than six months.

Mr. Moore believes that such a measure can be framed under the interstate commerce clause of the constitution.

Representative Douglass, of Ohio, in a speech to the house, said that every householder knows that the prices of food products are higher now than ever before, and that the price of beef and pork are far beyond the highest price recorded in years.

The present food prices have exceeded all increases in wages. This, added to the hardships of the laboring man, he said, he appealed for a liberal appropriation for experimental and demonstrative work for the education of the farmers through local experiment stations and model farms all over the country.

He criticized the appropriation for anticipated wars and said that if such money was expended to increase the efficiency of our farmers it would result in producing larger agricultural supplies and thus bring about a reduction in prices.

## MURDERER HANGED

Jan. Chogowski Executed at West Chester For Double Crime.

West Chester, Pa., Jan. 5. — Jan Chogowski, the Polish farmhand, was hanged here for the murder of Henry James and his wife near Newtown Square. Chogowski's neck was broken by the fall through the trap.

The prisoner talked with his sister by telephone in Chester a few minutes before he was led to the gallows. He also wrote three farewell letters, one to a woman friend in Philadelphia and two to relatives in Poland. He died proclaiming his innocence.

The murder of Mr. and Mrs. James was one of the most brutal in this state in years. On Jan. 27, last year, James was found dead in the barnyard of his home by the side of his wife, Abbie.

The couple had been killed with an axe as they drove into the yard after a visit to a relative. The axe was found nearby.

Walked Streets With Broken Neck.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—Ralph Owens, of Memphis, twenty-four years old, walked the streets of St. Louis for ten days with a broken neck, and did not know it until he went to a hospital to get treatment for rheumatism. He was operated on and may recover.

Walked to Death With Pigs in Arms.

Bellefontaine, Ohio, Jan. 5. — The squeals of two lusty pigs, one carried under each arm of a farmer, so drowned the noise of two locomotives that the farmer, George Adams, was killed on the tracks of the Big Four railroad at Mount Victory. The pigs escaped.

Negro Had Over \$100,000 in Bank.

Pittsburg, Jan. 5.—With books showing he had over \$100,000 in local banks William H. Thomas, aged sixty-six years, a negro, was found dead in the barracks of a local mission house.

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